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SOFTWARE PACKAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

:-

(a) the details of the Software Packages received from the donor Microsoft Corporation USA under the scheme `IT for Masses` announced during 2000;

(b) whether those software packages were supplied to schools in different States;

(c) if so, the details of the schools which have been supplied with such software packages on the recommendation of the MPs, State-wise; and

(d) the names of the States where such software packages are yet to be supplied?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): The details of the software packages donated by M/s Microsoft Corporation, USA is given below:

(i) MS Office 2000/XP

(ii) Visual Basic 6.0

(iii) MS Encarta

(iv) MS School Bus Series (3 titles)

(b): The software packages received in the 1st consignment were handed over to the respective Resident Commissioners of different States/UT`s for further distribution in schools.

(c): The State-wise list of the number of schools recommended by Hon`ble Members of Parliament for receiving the software packages is enclosed at Annexure.

(d): Hon`ble Members of Parliament were requested to recommend 5 schools (50 in case of Members of Consultative Committee attached to Ministry of Communications and Information Technology) for receiving the software packages in their respective States/UTs. No recommendations were received by the Department of Information Technology from the Hon`ble Members of Parliament from Nagaland, Tripura, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.